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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND SEIGMAL (If known) PHYSICAL AFFEARANCE

The Abraham Jones House is situated on the north side of Maryland Route 26 (Main Street), approximately two hundred feet east of the intersection of Maryland Route 26 (Main Street) and Maryland Route 75 in Libertytown, Frederick County, Maryland.

The street facade is three bays in length, two and one-half stories in height, and of Flemish band brick construction. is attached to a later frame structure on its west side but its east side remains completely exposed. At each end of the "A" frame roof are low "parapets" formed by the extension of the gable walls up above the roof line. At each end of the roof ridge stand single flush gable chimneys.

The main entrance door, a particularly fine example of Federal period craftsmanship and design, has paneled jambs, fluted pilasters, a deep frieze, and a modillioned pediment. Breaking the frieze and the tympanum of the pediment is a molded keystoned arch that frames a traceried overdoor fanlight. decorative embellishments applied to the doorway are repeated on the modillioned roof cornice and the pediments of the roof dormers. The two windows of the first floor and the three of the second floor are of double-hung twelve over twelve sash; the double-hung windows of the dormers have foliated upper sash. At ground level, directly below and between the two first floor windows, is a segmentally arched cellar entrance. Adjacent to it, on its east side, is a small flat arched cellar window.

The interior of the Jones House reflects the same sophistication of design as the exterior facade. The wide wainscoted hall extends through the house on the west side and is divided by a keystoned elliptical arch with projecting pilasters, all of which is embellished with reeds, flutes, and carved ropes. focal point of the hall is the stair with its molded rail, delicately turned balusters, and elaborately carved brackets. The closet beneath the stair is paneled in an unusual radiating, quarter sunburst design.

The two east parlors are fairly similar in design, having mantles with turned columns, friezes decorated with oval reeded panels, and gouge worked cornice shelves. At one side of both parlor mantles are large arched cupboards with decorative treatments similar to those of the hall arch. Both parlors (and the hall) have simply paneled wainscoting and four piece ceiling cornices. . Many of these same details, though less elaborate, are repeated in the second floor bedrooms.

At the rear (north) of the house stands a brick, two-story kitchen-dining wing that is said to predate the main house. expansive fireplace opening still retains its trammel bars and

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Abraham Jones, an evidently prosperous merchant who lived and operated a store in Libertytown in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, is traditionally credited with building this house and recent research by the present owners appears to substantiate this. Aside from his personal residence the small store in which Jones sold his merchandise still stands adjacent to the house, although it has been extensively altered both on the exterior and interior. The Jones House was later owned and occupied by Dr. Augustus Sappington, a well-known and apparently highly successful physician who worked in and around Libertytown during the midnineteenth century.

When the Jones House was built this area was just experiencing a growth in population and prosperity. However, except for a handful of large eighteenth century homes erected by very affluent land owners, the development of this region was slow and any degree of personal economic success is more often reflected in the architecture and decorative arts of the midand-late nineteenth century. The Jones House, besides being one of the finest Federal houses in Maryland, is important to the study of those physical artifacts representing the social and economic history of this particular region.

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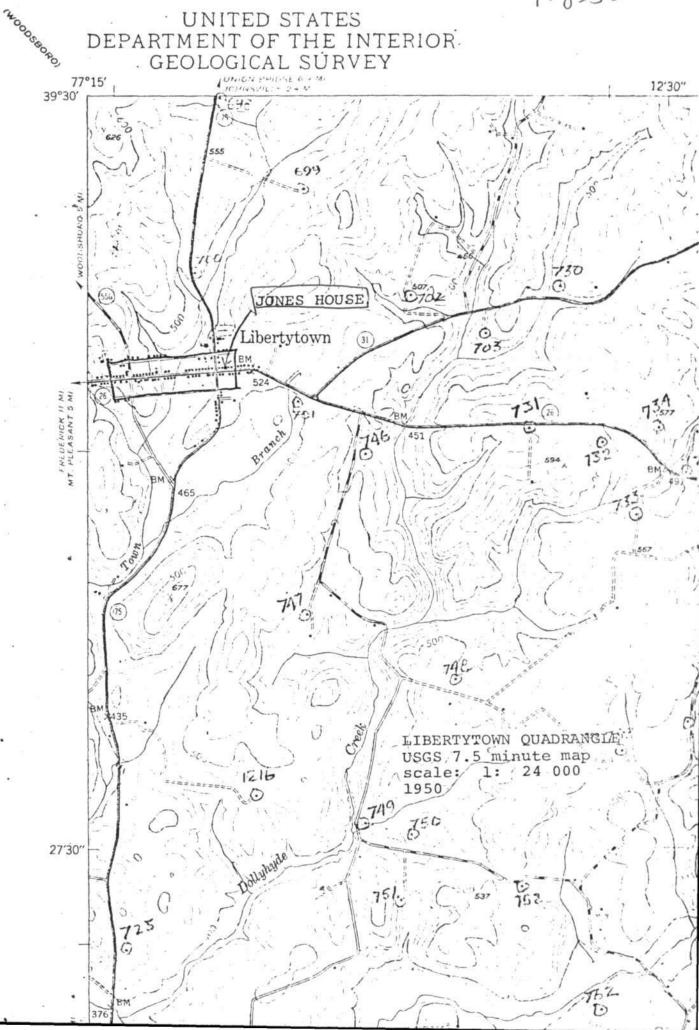
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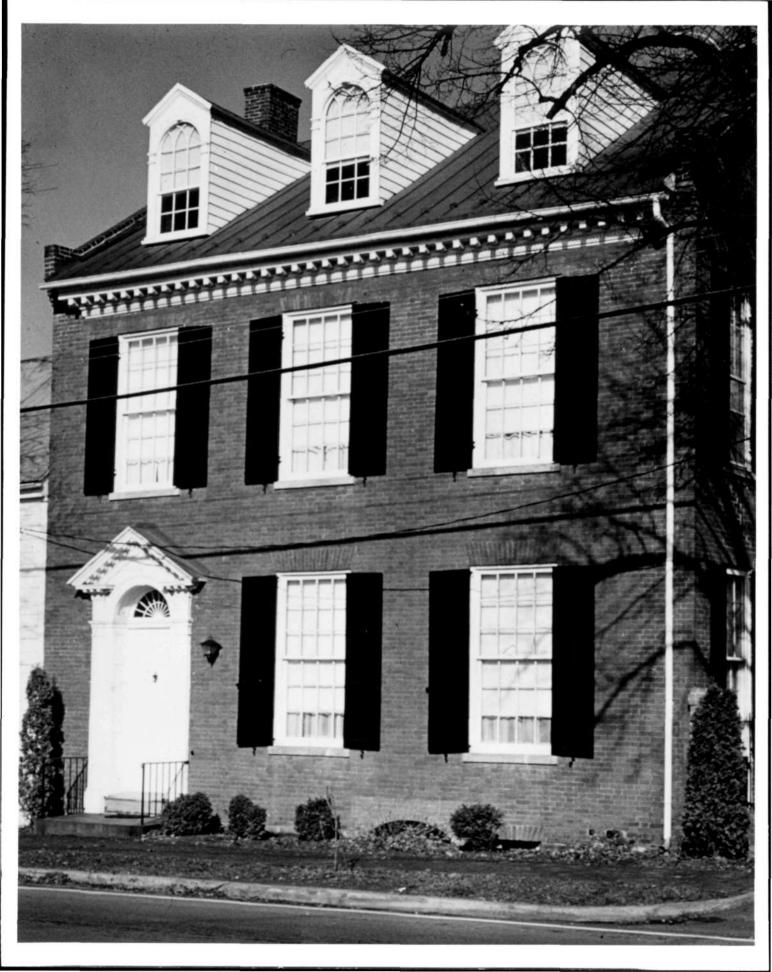


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